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SUBJECT: ECEVIT STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE

- RE JOINT NATO DECLARATION

REF: (A) STATE 124919, (B) STATE 124245

1. DURING MAY 17 PERMREPS PRIVATE MEETING ON PROPOSED
NATO DECLARATION, AMBASSADOR FOLLOWED LINES OF REF A IN
NOTING HIS AUTHORITIES' SHOCK AND STRONG CONCERN AT
BREACH OF PRIVILEGED CORRESPONDENCE INVOLVED IN TURKISH
PUBLIC HANDLING OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO ECEVIT. TURKISH
PERMREP KIRCA RESPONDED THAT ECEVIT IS "ADEPT AT
OPEN DIPLOMACY" BUT INDICATED HE WOULD REPORT VIEWS TO
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ANKARA.

2. REACTION AROUND THE TABLE WAS ONE OF SHARP SURPRISE
AT PUBLICITY GIVEN TO MATTER WHICH WAS MEANT FOR COMPLETE
CONFIDENTIALITY. SYG LUNS TOOK OCCASION TO REGRET TURKISH
ACTION IN LEAKING DECLARATION PROPOSAL AND COMMENTED IT
WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO PRESS QUESTIONS AT NATO HEAD-

QUARTERS. HE PROPOSED THAT ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS NATO OFFICIALS AND DELEGATIONS SHOULD SAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INFORMAL "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" ON A DECLARATION, THAT IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE SUCH A DOCUMENT BEFORE THE SUMMIT, THAT THE COMMUNIQUE WOULD FULLY REFLECT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WASHINGTON MEETING, AND THAT THE ALLIES MIGHT CONSIDER ISSUING A SPECIAL DECLARATION ON THE OCCASION OF NATO'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY.

3. IN LATER CONVERSATION, LUNS TOLD AMBASSADOR HE HAD THIS WEEK URGED UPON TURKISH CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL EVREN THE IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY'S AVOIDING NEGATIVE ACTIONS AT THE SUMMIT. THESE, LUNS SAID, WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO US AND TURKISH EFFORTS TO REMOVE EMBARGO. LUNS SAID HE UNDERScoreD STRONG EFFORT PRESIDENT CARTER AND ENTIRE US ADMINISTRATION WERE NOW MAKING TO OBTAIN CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR REMOVAL OF EMBARGO.

4. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT ECEVIT WOULD BE IN BRUSSELS NEXT WEEK AND URGED LUNS, IF HE HAS AN OPPORTUNITY, TO MAKE SAME POINTS WITH ECEVIT. AMBASSADOR WENT ON TO STRESS OPPORTUNITY SUMMIT PRESENTS FOR CONDUCT IN WASHINGTON BY ECEVIT WHICH COULD BUILD SUPPORT FOR REMOVAL OF EMBARGO. BENNETT UNQUOTE VANCE

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